

will get their portion of the money, and the public is not going to be getting ripped off any worse than they already are. So I would hope that you would do what I suggested. I think that it will work. It has worked in Iowa. And if you will read what Mr. Harding said, it has worked well, and there isn't any reason it cannot work in the State of Nebraska. It doesn't mean that the General Affairs Committee doesn't want to study it, doesn't mean that at all. I would predict that it would not change one iota the way the system is working here today. What it would mean would be that the bootlegger pickles and the counterfeit pickles would be so much more easily identified that only legitimate pickles, legitimately printed, legitimately distributed, would be available for sale. I agree with Senator Cudaback, I received a tremendous amount of mail from people. Do you know why, Senator Cudaback? Because some of them are buying bootlegged pickles, \$50 a box instead of the 300 or so they're supposed to be paying. Why wouldn't you scream if you're doing a bootleg business. There isn't an outlet in my district, I don't think, that hasn't had opportunities to buy the bootlegged pickles. I received many contacts from people who have said, Loran, what are you trying to do? This is the only way we can make any money. You can't make any money on the legitimate pickles. I don't know, I don't know. But I know there is much money in the counterfeit pickles. For gosh sakes, we ought to try to make it legitimate. I know that there is sufficient flexibility in the statute to allow the Department of Revenue to contract with every one of those six distributors and with the vendors to require that they be followed somewhere along the Iowa line. We need not invent every single new idea in this state. We ought to be willing to copy that which has been successful. The Iowa experiment has been extremely successful, and we ought to copy it. I appreciate, again, the concern you have, I know it's legitimate. I do not criticize the individuals who oppose the amendment, they do so legitimately. But I would ask you, should we delay for another year the implementation of...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...a proposal that will outlaw and get rid of illegal, counterfeit, bootlegged pickles to the detriment of every single legitimate operator and distributor and manufacturer in this state? I think not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Ashford.